

Remarks

Claims 1, 8, 10, 13, 15 and 23 have been amended and claims 7, 21 and 27 have been cancelled. Review and reconsideration in light of the amendments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6, 11, 12, 16-21 and 23-26 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,332,285 to Aaldenberg et al. The Office action indicates that claim 22 is allowed, and that claims 7-10, 13-15 and 27 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 7, and claim 7 has been cancelled. Claims 8, 10 and 13 have been amended to accommodate the cancellation of claim 7. Claim 15 has been recast as an independent claim. Claim 23 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 27, and claim 27 has been cancelled. Finally, independent claim 21 has been cancelled.

The application has thus been amended to capture the subject matter to be allowable. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in a condition for allowance and a formal notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, including the fee for an extension of time, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0809. The applicant(s) hereby authorizes the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,



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